राजकोट जंक्शन से लम्बी दूरी की सुपरफास्ट रेलगाड़ियां चलाया जाना

6298. **श्री चिमन भाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने के कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान राजकोट जनक्शन से दक्षिण और पूर्वी भारत के लिये लम्बी दूरी की सुपरफास्ट रेल गाड़ियां चलाये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इस प्रस्ताव पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है, और कब से इन रेलगाड़ियों को चलाये जाने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(घ) उक्त रेलगाड़ियों में राजकोट, जामनगर, सुरेन्द्रनगर, पोरबन्दर और भावनगर के लिये कितने-कितने आरक्षण का प्रावधान रखा गया है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी॰ के॰ जाफ़र शरीफ): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जांच की गई थी परंतु परिचालनिक कठिनाइयों और संसाधनों की तंगी के कारण व्यावहारिक नहीं पाया गया।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Discontinuation of renewal of railway passes issued to EX-MPs.

6299. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from several Ex-Members of Parliament about the discontinuance of the system of yearly renewal of the Railway passes issued to them;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have since agreed to the requests of Ex-Members of Parliament and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ex-Members of Parliament had requested for discontinuance of the present procedure for renewal of Card Passes every year because they face inconvenience for travelling to zonal Railway Headquarters for the renewal of their Card Passes every year.

(c) No, Sir. The practice followed in the case of Railway Passes issued to Ex-Members of Parliament is in line with the general policy of issuing Railway Card Passes for a period of one year at a time. Ex-Members of Parliament may send their Card Passes through Post for renewal, alongwith an application and two photographs.

Rail Travel facilities of Journalists

6300. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any representation dated 15th March, 1995 from the All India Marathy Journalists Council (Akhil Bhartiya Marathi Patarkar Parishad), Bombay, regarding rail travel facilities to journalists;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken thereon and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when a decision is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) A representation dated 5.3.95 was received from Akhil Bhartiya Marathi Patarkar Parishad, Bombay wherein it was requested that the accredited Press Correspondents of Maharashtra State may be granted 50% rail travel concession.

(c) Press Correspondents accredited to the headquarters of Government of India and State Governments/Union Territories only are eligible for concessional rail travel on bonafide press work. Due to increasing cost of operation of trains and resource constraints, it has been

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